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SUMMARY: IN JANUARY 27 MEETING, GREEKS SOUGHT CONCESSIONS
IN USE OF THE DCS WHICH ADVANCED BEYOND CURRENT US PRO-
POSALS FOR JOINT USE. THEY INDICATED A DESIRE TO MAKE THE
DCS IN GREECE MORE OF A COMMON GREEK-US USE SYSTEM. US
SIDE DESCRIBED THE COST, EQUIPMENT, NUMBER OF CHANNELS,
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AND TIME REQUIRED TO SATISFY THE INCREASED GREEK REQUIRE-

MENTS. THEY AGREED TO STUDY US PROPOSAL FOR OVERBUILD AT GREEK EXPENSE AND TO DISCUSS FURTHER IN NEXT MEETING. AFTER REITERATING CONCURRENCE ON MOST OF PREVIOUS JOINT USN/HN USE PROPOSALS, HN RAISED SEVERAL NEW POINTS CONCERNING LF AND HF UTILIZATION. THESE ARE BEING EXPLORED FOR RESPONSE DURING THE NEXT SESSION. END SUMMARY

1. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE JANUARY 27 MEETING OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBGROUP, THE US SIDE REVIEWED BRIEFLY THE RESULTS OF OCTOBER 1975 SUBGROUP MEETINGS. COL. SPYROU AGREED WITH US ASSESSMENT BUT TOOK UMBRAGE WITH CAVEAT RE "UNPROGRAMMED COST," WHICH GREEKS DID NOT UNDERSTAND AND WHICH RAISED THE SPECTRE OF UNDEFINED COST COMMITMENTS. THE GREEK SIDE ALSO HAD DIFFICULTY WITH THE US CAVEAT CONCERNING "PREEMPTION UNDER EMERGENCY CONDITIONS" AND THE IMPLICIT US NEED TO WITHDRAW SERVICE TO GREEK USERS OF US COMMUNICATION FACILITIES. THEY SUGGESTED ELIMINATION OF THESE TWO POINTS AND REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR CALOGERAS' STATEMENT THAT "PREEMPTION" WAS UNACCEPTABLE. THE US SIDE AGREED TO CONSIDER THE GREEK POSITION AND TO PROVIDE AN ANSWER IN THE NEXT SUBGROUP MEETING.

2. THE MEETING THEN EVOLVED AROUND GREEK USE OF THE DCS AND COMMUNICATIONS AT NEA MAKRI. CONCERNING JOINT USE OF THE US DCS FACILITIES, THE US SIDE STRESSED THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF SPARE CHANNELS (SURGE CAPACITY) ON THE DCS IN GREECE. THE GREEK SIDE ASKED IF THE US HAD CONSIDERED DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE TO CURRENT USERS IN ORDER TO SATISFY GREEK REQUIREMENTS. THE US SIDE REMINDED THE GREEKS THAT BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT DURING THE INITIAL SESSION, LAST YEAR, NO PREEMPTION OF SERVICE TO US USERS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ORDER TO MEET GREEK NEEDS. THE US SIDE THEN OFFERED TO PROVIDE THE GREEKS THAT WHICH WAS AGREED UPON DURING THE OCTOBER 1975 MEETINGS PLUS ONE VOICE FREQUENCY (VF) CIRCUIT MT. PARNIS-GOURNES; ONE VF CIRCUIT MT. HORTIATIS-YIANNITSA AND TWO TELETYPE CIRCUITS; MT. PARNIS-GOURNES (POSITIONS ONE AND TWO REF A). THE GREEK SIDE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS WAS FAR FROM THEIR STATED NEEDS. AT GREEK REQUEST, THE US SIDE THEN OUTLINED, IN TERMS OF EQUIPMENT AND APPROXIMATE COSTS, A METHOD OF OVERBUILDING

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THE DCS IN GREECE TO ACCOMMODATE THE STATED GREEK REQUIREMENT (POSITION 3). THE US SIDE EMPHASIZED THAT ONLY ROUGH COST ESTIMATES COULD BE MADE AND THAT A SITE SURVEY WOULD BE NECESSARY TO FURTHER REFINE FIGURES, BUT FOR A DEPARTURE POINT, A COST OF \$200-500K APPEARED REASONABLE (ESTIMATE BASED ON A \$3000 FOR VF CIRCUIT, LIMITED FCC-32 AVAILABILITY AND INSTALLATION COST). THE GREEK SIDE WAS TOLD THAT SUCH AN UP-GRADE WOULD BE AT GOG EXPENSE. THE

GREEK SIDE AGREED TO REVIEW THEIR REQUIREMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE COST INVOLVED AND TO ADVISE THE US SIDE OF ANY CHANGE IN THE GREEK POSITION AT THE NEXT SUBGROUP MEETING.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THERE IS A STRONG HELLENIC DESIRE TO RECEIVE EQUAL TREATMENT IN COMPETING WITH OTHER US USERS FOR DCS SERVICE IN GREECE, AS WAS REEMPHASIZED BY THE GREEK EXCEPTION TO THE PREEMPTION PROVISO PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. TO COUNTER THESE RESERVATIONS, WE INTEND TO EXPLAIN TO THE GREEK SIDE THE DCS RESTORATION PRIORITY (RP) SYSTEM AND THEN TO AGREE TO TAKE PREEMPTION ACTION BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON RP ASSIGNED. WE ALSO PROPOSE TO MODIFY PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS TO INCLUDE MORE AGREEABLE LANGUAGE THAN "PREEMPTION" AND "UNPROGRAMMED COST." END COMMENT.

4. RE COMMUNICATIONS AT NEA MAKRI, THE US SIDE REVIEWED THE USN PROPOSALS THAT WERE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE HELLENIC NAVY (HN) AT NEGOTIATIONS ON OCTOBER 7, 1975, AND REPORTED BY REF B. THE HN REPRESENTATIVES CONFIRMED THEIR EARLIER CONCURRENCE WITH MOST OF THE PREVIOUS USN OFFERS AND CONDITIONS FOR JOINT USE OF FACILITIES AT NAVCOMMSTA, GREECE. THEY ALSO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND/OR REQUESTS CONCERNING THE USN PROPOSALS WHERE CHANGED HN REQUIREMENTS OR CONDITIONS DICTATED MODIFICATION OR CLARIFICATION.

(A) LOW FREQUENCY (LF) TRANSMITTER: THE GREEK SIDE NOTED THAT THE HN WAS PURCHASING THE SAME MODEL TRANSMITTER THAT IS OPERATED BY NAVCOMMSTA, GREECE, (ASSUMED TO BE AN FRT-72) AND WISHED THE USN TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE LF ANTENNAE AT KATO SOULI WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATION ON THE FREQUENCIES OF 41 AND 49 KHZ. THE GREEK SIDE ALSO REQUESTED A REDUCTION FROM 30 DAYS TO EIGHT
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DAYS OF THE US ADVANCE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR USE OF THE LF EQUIPMENT.

(B) HIGH FREQUENCY (HF): THE GREEK SIDE PROPOSED AN OPTION CONCERNING USE OF HF ANTENNAE THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY PERMIT HN INSTALLATION OF ITS OWN WHIP ANTENNA AT KATO SOULI IF SPACE PERMITTED. THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH TRANSMITTER CAPACITY, WHICH WAS CONFIRMED, AND CONCLUDED THEREFORE THAT AN HN-FUNDED ANTENNA WOULD PROVIDE HN WITH DEDICATED HF CAPACITY. THEY INDICATED THAT HN WOULD THEN CONTEMPLATE USE OF USN ANTENNAE ONLY WHEN THE HN WHIP ANTENNA WAS DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE.

(C) THE GREEK SIDE REQUESTED ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR DIRECT LIAISON WITH CO, US NAVCOMMSTA, REGARDING TRAINING OF HN PERSONNEL ON US LF TRANSMITTERS, WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE TO COMMENCE ASAP.

(D) US SIDE AGREED TO EXAMINE THE ABOVE ISSUES AND HAVE PROPOSALS READY AT THE NEXT MEETING. THE GREEK SIDE ALSO SUGGESTED, IF THESE ISSUES WERE RESOLVED, THAT IT MEET AT NEA MAKRI WITH USN REPRESENTATIVES AND CO, NEA MAKRI, WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2.

5. COMMENT: RE NAVCOMMSTA, GREECE, THE US POSITION CONCERNING HN USE OF USN LF TRANSMITTER REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE MEANS OF JOINT USE, EVEN IF IMPRACTICAL. THE DESIRE OF THE HN TO COUPLE ITS NEW LF TRANSMITTER TO THE USN ANTENNA WOULD DEGRADE UNACCEPTABLY THE CAPABILITY OF NAVCOMMSTA TO PERFORM ITS MISSION. THIS COUPLING COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY AT SIGNIFICANT EXPENSE AND WOULD RESULT IN LOSS OF LF COMPONENT OF SURFACE FLEET BROADCAST. THE INSTALLATION OF HN-FUNDED WHIP ANTENNA AT KATO SOULI IS FEASIBLE, BUT WOULD REQUIRE DETERMINATION OF OPTIMUM SITE AND ASSESSMENT OF IMPACT OF POTENTIAL INTERFERENCE WITH ADJACENT US ANTENNA OPERATION. THE GREEK REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF 30-DAY NOTICE FOR LF USE TO EIGHT DAYS APPEARS FEASIBLE. END COMMENT.

6. UNLESS WE HEAR OTHERWISE PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS, JANUARY 29, 1976, WE INTEND TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

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